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# RUMSON

## Borough Bulletin

SPRING  
2011



The beautification of the pond opposite Borough Hall on East River Road is almost complete. This photo, taken last September, shows workers beginning the process of surveying, dredging and removing the dredge spoils. This spring, the banks were graded and seeded, and new fencing added. Please come see the transformation for yourself.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
TO THE  
**DEDICATION OF POMPHREY POND**  
Saturday, June 11  
11:00 AM

## A SLICE OF RUMSON HISTORY



REMEMBERING LT. CMDR. PATRICK J. BYRNE  
1896 – 1979

Rumson old-timers and newcomers alike will enjoy this peek into the past!

Lifelong Rumson resident Patrick J. “Pappy” Byrne was a seaplane pioneer whose career with the US Navy spanned 40 years. Only the 10<sup>th</sup> Naval aviation pilot in the history of the Navy to obtain a pilot’s license, Lt. Cmdr. Byrne joined the Navy in 1917 as a machinist mate. He became a co-pilot, plane captain and signalman with the seaplane patrol unit based at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk VA and established, or helped establish, virtually every US Navy seaplane base in the world.

Former Rumson Police Chief Bob Zerr offers this wonderful reminiscence of “Pappy”: “If it was Navy, and it had wings, he flew it. Sometime during the war, when we were kids, we were swimming at the steamboat dock. We heard the plane and knew by the sound that it was big. Pappy was headed west down the river in a Martin Mariner. He came down over the Oceanic Bridge, almost took the light posts down, and set ‘er down. He taxied back to the area opposite the north end of Third Street, threw out the anchor and waited for someone in a rowboat from Pullen’s (Barnacle Bill’s for all the new folks) to come pick him up. He went to visit his mother on Allen Street for a couple of hours and then reversed the trip. What a thrill for a 10-year-old to see that huge airplane fly by and then land! Everybody around the dock knew it was Pappy, and knew where he was going.” Says Bob, “He was a really good guy. At that time, he lived in Pine Ridge (Blossom and Robin Roads). He really looked sharp in his dress blues with all his medals and his dress saber leading the Memorial Day parade. I think he was about 80 the last time he marched the whole route to Victory Park.”

Bob, thank you for this wonderful story, and a glimpse into a simpler time.



## RUMSON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB



It’s been an eventful few months for the ever-active members of the Rumson Seniors. In February we celebrated Valentine’s Day with a covered dish luncheon at our meeting hall and our members outdid themselves providing delicious entrees and homemade desserts. Talk about love! St. Patrick’s Day was marked by a trip to the Royal Manor for corned beef, cabbage and all the trimmings. On a more cultural note, we enjoyed a fabulous performance of the musical *Sweeney Todd* presented by RFH students, followed by lunch in the cafeteria. How fortunate we are to have such professional entertainment so close to home. Some of our members also traveled to the Westchester Theatre with the Fair Haven Seniors on April 13 to see *Singin’ in the Rain*, a perennial favorite.

In April our President, Dorothy Burlew, spoke on accidents in the home from material supplied by the Office on Aging in Freehold. Our April guest speaker was Rosemarie Peters, Esq., the Monmouth County Surrogate, who spoke on wills, trusts and estates, stressing the importance of having a current, updated will. Both talks were interesting and informative.

The Memorial Day parade is right around the corner and the Seniors will be making their presence known, with some of us walking and others riding along. On June 15 we will hold our Spring Luncheon at the Navesink Country Club, complete with a Spring Hat Contest. Dust off that antique chapeau and strut your stuff! At the end of June we will wrap up our meeting year with our traditional picnic at Victory Park. All fingers are crossed for a bright, sunny day.

Our meetings are held at 11:00 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month from September through June at Wilson Hall, Rumson Presbyterian Church. All Rumson residents 55 and older and their family and friends who live outside Rumson are welcome to join us!

Tina Bivona  
covering for  
Jeanne Cuje  
Publicity Chairman

## RUMSON RECREATION PROGRAM SPRING UPDATE



Summer Hoops, Fall Soccer, Flag Football and various camp registrations continues at the Borough Hall Mondays-Fridays 8:30am-4:30pm

The **Summer Hoops Basketball** program is for children who are currently in grades 3-8. This is a co-ed basketball program, which will run from June 27 through July 27. Coaches will call with specific game times and dates. Games are played outdoors on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Victory Park. **Registration deadline-June 3.**

The **Fall Soccer** program is for children enrolled in grades K-8 for the 2011-2012 school year. Kindergarten children participate in Saturday morning clinics, which run throughout the fall beginning September 10. Children should report at 9:00 AM to the Forrestdale School soccer field. Practices for grades 1-8 are during the week with games played on Saturdays. Games for children in grades 1-8 begin Saturday, September 10. Coaches will call with team assignments and schedules. **Registration deadline-June 3.**

The **Flag Football** program is for children who are 5, 6, 7 & 8 years of age. (Children must be 5 years old prior to August 1, 2011.) Clinics during the summer (August) will be announced on the Borough's website ([www.rumsonnj.org](http://www.rumsonnj.org)) Attendance is not mandatory; however, it is recommended that all players and coaches attend these clinics. Games are played on Saturday mornings from 8:00am-11:00am during September-November. Coaches will call with team assignments and game schedules. **Registration deadline-June 3.**

## SUMMER PLAYGROUND



June 27-July 29 at Victory Park-Monday-Friday  
8:30-11:30 AM.

## SUMMER CAMPS

US Premier Soccer Camp-July 11-15  
YES Soccer Camp-July 25-29  
Bulldog Basketball Camp-July 6-9 & July 12-15  
Crew-Learn to Row Camp-Weeks of July 11-15 &  
July 18-22  
Football-July 25-27  
Academy International Lacrosse Camp July 11-15  
Tennis-(weeks of) 7/5, 7/11, 7/18 & 7/25  
Softball-June 27-30  
Golf-lessons by appointment throughout the  
summer  
US Sports Multi Sports Camp-August 1-5  
RFH Boys Basketball Camp-6/20-6/23 and 7/11-7/14

Camp Coordinators will have registration forms/brochures available in April/May with detailed information. Additional flyers will be available at the Rumson Borough Hall.

**SOCCKER OFFICIALS NEEDED!** Anyone 14 years old or older who would like to be a paid soccer official for the 2011 season should contact John Hird at 732-842-3300 or [jhird@rumsonnj.gov](mailto:jhird@rumsonnj.gov). If you are 14 please go online to [www.njrefs.com](http://www.njrefs.com) and register for the one day recreation level license. Do this asap because these training session fill up early.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHTS IN VICTORY PARK

*Children's Concerts*



The Rumson Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor four evenings of entertainment for you and your children free of charge this summer. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to Victory Park and enjoy four fun-filled evenings with your family! Mark your calendars for the following Sunday evenings:

Yosi and the Super Dads Concert-July 10-7:00 PM  
Miss Sherri and the Animal Band-July 24-7:00 PM  
The Fuzzy Lemons-August 7-7:00 PM  
Little Rockers-August 21-7:00 PM



## OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY

Now there's even more to love about our  
"Village Library"!



The long, cold winter is finally over but despite the snow, it was a very productive season for the OFL. While many of you were hibernating, we were undergoing a major, and much needed, renovation. The library has a whole new fresh, bright look – and extended hours to match! We will now open *every* day at 10 AM. For a sneak preview, check out Dustin Racioppi's article at [www.redbankgreen.com](http://www.redbankgreen.com) for a complete description and accompanying photos. If you haven't been in already, stop by for a visit soon. And while you're here, take time to enjoy the art and jewelry displays, both of which change monthly. In May we are featuring oil paintings by Bob Willie and jewels crafted by Joan Laurie. Works from the Monmouth County Arts and Education Program will be displayed in June, as well as paintings by Nina Douglas and pottery created by Deborah Ellwood. Cool off in July with soothing water colors by Linne' Grant and creations by the New Jersey Bead Society. Remember ... 20% of all sales are donated to the library! Many thanks to Theresa Caracappa for organizing this exhibit program.

In addition to the library's interior work, our website ([www.oceaniclibrary.org](http://www.oceaniclibrary.org)) has also gotten a facelift, including a link to our calendar of current and upcoming events. It's a wonderful way to stay in touch with all that's happening!

Our computer classes, which filled up immediately, will be offered again. Directed by Rosanna Fazio, the small classes are geared to every level from beginner to advanced and include work with Excel and Power Point. If you have a particular interest, let us know. On May 5 at 7:00 PM, Robert Galante, RFH history teacher and noted speaker, will present a program entitled "How Technologies are Changing Schools – Teaching and Learning." It should prove helpful in reaching and teaching our digital children. As part of our "George Moss, Jr. History Program", noted

author and lecturer Kevin Woyce will give a presentation on the history of the Jersey Shore from 7 – 9 PM on May 19. On June 16 Mr. Woyce returns with a program on the history of the Statue of Liberty which promises to be fun for everyone.

Also updated just in time for those summer getaways is our travel section, which now includes many more current travel guides as well as foreign language CDs. And if you're planning a "staycation" this year, check out our expanded New Jersey section for wonderful tips on fun things to do closer to home.

Our adult book group, ably steered by Cynthia Dannen, continues to be very popular. Those who attended the April 28 meeting enjoyed discussing Alice Hoffman's *Blackbird House*. Meetings are set for 1:30 PM on May 26 (Adriana Trigiani's *Very Valentine*), June 23 (Ann Tyler's *Noah's Compass*) and July 28 (Jeannette Walls' *Half-Broke Horses*). Copies of all the selected books are available at the library. And don't forget our knitting ladies, who have been enjoying their new "knitting nook" dedicated to the memory of Sue Berry, long-time knitter and friend of the OFL. The knitters meet every Friday at 2 PM. Bring your yarn, needles and sense of humor!

This year we are once again providing the Summer Reading List Program. Most titles on the summer reading list for seven local schools will be available. This enables students to read the required books without having to purchase them. We thank the local schools for their cooperation. For the younger set, Miss Ann's summer reading program – "One World – Many Stories" – kicks off on June 21. Please register in person at the library before the program starts. Miss Ann has loads of fun-filled activities planned for this summer, including a visit from the "Butterfly Guy" at 3:45 PM on June 21 and therapy dogs at work at 4 PM on July 12. On July 26 we'll celebrate "International Day" with books and music from around the world – including a visit from local bagpiper Arch Laird.

Currently in the planning stage is a Teen Book Club geared toward 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It will be run by volunteer high school students and will meet quarterly in our new Young Adult Area. Check our web site for details. In our effort to best serve Rumson's young adults, we want to hear from

you. What do YOU want? Would an “open mike” night be interesting? How about a movie night? What kinds of guest speakers would appeal to you? Please send ideas to Director Nanette Reis at [ncreis@monmouthcountylib.org](mailto:ncreis@monmouthcountylib.org).

Once again, we sponsored a student art contest which attracted so many entrants it was difficult to select winners! After much deliberation by a team of artist judges, the following winners were selected: Katie Amendable, Maggie Boyce-Blanchard, Ryan Chapeau, Eva Farr, Logan Forster, Grace Karagjuzi, Katie Lowe, Jack Marshall, Georgia Masterson, Mia Masterson, Bradley Miller, Lauren Anne Mueller, Leigh Ellen Mueller, Christian Pignataro, Paul Sperber and Nicholas Turi. Their artwork will be featured in a 16-month 2012 calendar, sales of which will benefit the library. Our thanks to all the talented participants.

We were also fortunate to have Allison Nixon display her Journey Award-winning Girl Scout project on “Body Image and Eating Disorders” last month. She provided our patrons with important information on this very timely subject.

Director Reis would like to remind all those generous patrons who continue to leave book donations by the back door that we really cannot accept them at this time. If you have CD books or DVDs, we would love to have those, but please bring them into the library during our hours of operation!

And don't forget ... WE WANT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS! We are currently working on setting up a “constant contact” bulletin that will enable us to contact you via email with important info on library happenings. Help us save paper and postage costs by providing us with your address. Also, it's not too late to respond to our annual appeal letter! To all of you who have sent checks – THANK YOU! We could not operate without your generosity.

May thanks to our patrons and staff for your understanding and patience these last few months. It wasn't always easy! The ever-obliging staff moved countless boxes, loading and unloading thousands of books. Patrons had to put up with noise, dust, debris, lost books and unexpected closings. We hope you agree it was all well worth

it. Check our website for a date for our Open House, when we will celebrate our new space.

#### NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10 AM – 5 PM  
Monday & Thursday 10 AM – 7 PM  
Saturday 10AM – 4 PM\*

\* 9 AM – 12 PM during the summer months,  
6/11 – 9/10

CLOSED:

May 30 -Memorial Day  
Come march with us in the parade!

July 4 – Independence Day

Childrens' program “One World – Many Stories”  
begins June 21 – preregister at library!

#### DON'T MISS IT!

### Rumson's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **FREE** **ELECTRONIC** **RECYCLING** **EVENT**



Did you know it's against the law to throw your old TV or computer in the trash?

Bring your old computers, CPUs, keyboards, monitors, scanners, printers, TVs, radios, cameras and phones and give them a proper send-off.

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON**

**At the Recycling Center behind  
Borough Hall**

We will also be providing a **SHREDDING  
SERVICE** to dispose of your unwanted  
paperwork.



**Questions?**

**Call Recycling Coordinator Jamie Mellish  
732-842-3111**

## SPRING NEWS FROM THE RUMSON SHADE TREE COMMISSION



Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens, spoke at Bingham Hall in January on the topic of planting the right tree in the right place. The program, a cooperative effort between the Rumson Shade Tree Commission and the Rumson Garden Club, addressed the benefits of planting indigenous shade trees. A sampling of suggestions:

*Flowering Trees:* Cucumber Magnolia, Katsura, Southern Magnolia

*Fall Color:* Sugar Maple, Sweetgum, Sassafras

*Texture/Habitat:* Kentucky Coffee Tree, American Holly, Bald Cypress, American Elm

### Free Service Available!



Diane Larsen, County Horticulturist with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, coordinates and trains "Master Gardeners". The Master Gardeners volunteer on a helpline and can provide you with free tree and plant pest diagnoses, soil tests and other related horticultural advice.

Reach the Master Gardeners at  
732-303-7614

### MULCH VOLCANOES ARE KILLING OUR TREES!

It's spring, and homeowners and landscapers alike are out in full force armed with truckloads of mulch. We can't say it often enough – IMPROPER MULCHING KILLS TREES! To mulch your trees correctly, start six inches from the tree trunk and mulch to a **maximum depth of 2-4"**, forming a "doughnut" around your tree. Mulch should NEVER be piled into a cone around the trunk.

You'll save a tree and money as well by following these instructions. And the worst materials for mulch? Peat moss, pebbles, rocks and cobblestones, fresh grass clipping or wood chips and ground up rubber tires.

## NEWS FROM RUMSON BOY SCOUT TROOP 201



The cold weather doesn't stop Troop 201! We kicked off the New Year with a little fun on the slopes at Windham Mountain. A "team" of scouts traveled to Quail Hill Scout Camp for the Klondike Derby, a snow sled race and puzzle-solving, group experience that tested the boys' scouting and teamwork skills

In February, we welcomed 10 new scouts to the troop. The new boys wasted no time learning the ropes on a weekend trip to Alpine Scout Camp in early March. The older scouts served as instructors, teaching the younger boys new outdoor camping skills such as fire building, how to pitch a tent and cooking. In April the troop hiked the four-mile Bald Rocks Loop during a weekend camping trip to Harriman State Park. Plans are underway to attend Camporee III in May, a weekend trip sponsored jointly by the New Jersey State Police and Boy Scouts of America.

Preparations have begun for our annual week-long summer camp at Nobebosco. Our senior boys are looking forward to July when they will travel to Sea Base, a week-long, high seas adventure trip out of Key West, Florida.

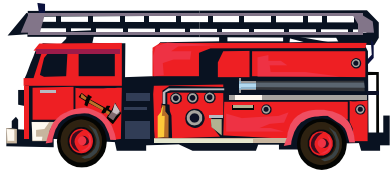
Our annual flag burning ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 PM at Victory Park.

Newcomers are always welcome to Troop 201. Our scouting program is not only fun and adventurous, but it also teaches and instills the values of leadership and teamwork. If your son is interested in joining us, contact Miriam Tort at [miriamtort@aol.com](mailto:miriamtort@aol.com) or come to one of our meetings, held every Wednesday from September through June from 7:30 to 9 PM in the Forrestdale cafeteria.

## 2011 FIRE CHIEF KEVIN McCARTHY

ANSWERS YOUR FAQ'S ABOUT THE

### **RUMSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**



I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Rumson Fire Department Chief for 2011. I am Kevin McCarthy of the Oceanic Hook & Ladder Fire Company. I grew up in Rumson in a house on Allen Street, just two houses down from the firehouse, and I still live there today with my wife and two daughters. I've been a volunteer firefighter for the Borough for the past 11 years. I worked for 19 years as a civilian at Fort Monmouth and recently transferred to the Navy, working at Naval Station Lakehurst. Throughout my years with the Fire Department I have been asked many questions and would like to provide some answers to those most frequently asked.

**What hours do you work at the firehouse? You guys are paid, right?**

The Fire Department is 100% volunteer. The members receive no pay, and respond from their homes and jobs. The Borough does provide a small retirement benefit for eligible members under the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP). A paid department would require major upgrades to the firehouses and would result in significant salary and benefit costs to the town.

**Is there only one fire company in town?**

The volunteer fire department is made up of TWO fire companies. Oceanic Hook and Ladder is the tall white building on the corner of West River Road and Allen Street. Oceanic is an engine company, housing two pumpers and a satellite truck. The second fire company is Rumson Fire Company, housed in the red brick building at the corner of Blackpoint Road and East River Road.

Rumson is the town's truck company and houses a ladder truck, rescue truck and pumper.

**What does the fire department need most?**

Right now we need more volunteers! The two fire companies have seen a sharp drop-off in new members joining the fire department. Without an increase in new members soon, it will be a challenge to provide adequate staffing for fire calls. Anyone interested in volunteering at either fire company may pick up an application at Borough Hall. Contact information for both fire companies is available on their web sites. Oceanic Hook and Ladder can be found at [www.oceanichookladder.org](http://www.oceanichookladder.org). The Rumson Fire Company web site is [www.rumsonfireco.com](http://www.rumsonfireco.com).

**What shift do you work at the firehouse?**

Because we are a volunteer fire department, we are on call 24/7. When there is a fire call, available members respond either to the firehouse or directly to the fire scene. No one actually sleeps at the firehouse.

**How many fire calls do you get each year?**

We respond on average to about one call a day. The majority of calls are fire alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. You can help us reduce the number of calls by changing the batteries in your alarms twice a year, replacing detectors every five years and knowing your alarm system. We may have one or two large structure fires a year, and a handful of smaller fires. Car accidents, electrical hazards, weather-related incidents, water leaks and mutual aid assistance to other fire departments make up the rest of the calls.

**TO REACH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
IN AN EMERGENCY,  
CALL 732-842-0500 or 911**





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(732) 842-3300

## DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

(732) 842-8941

## CALENDAR

### MAY

- 2 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 3 Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 4 Shade Tree Comm. 4:00 PM Borough Hall Council Meeting Room
- 9 Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 10 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 17 Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 17 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 18 Recreation Commission 7:30 PM
- 19 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 22 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 23 Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 24 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 30 **MEMORIAL DAY BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED**  
**NO GARBAGE COLLECTION**
- 31 Council Work Session 4:30 PM

### JUNE

- 6 Planning Board 7:30 PM
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- 16 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 21 Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 21 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 22 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 27 Senior Citizens 11:00 AM Rumson Presbyterian Church
- 28 Borough Council 7:30 PM

### JULY

- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED**  
**NO GARBAGE COLLECTION**
- 5 Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 6 Shade Tree Comm. 4:00 PM Borough Hall Council Meeting Room
- 10 **FREE FAMILY CONCERT 7:00 PM**  
**VICTORY PARK, YOSI & THE SUPER DADS**
- 11 Planning Board Reorganization Meeting 7:30 PM
- 12 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 19 Council Work Session 4:30 PM
- 19 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 21 Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM;
- 24 **FREE FAMILY CONCERT 7:00 PM**  
**VICTORY PARK, MISS SHERRI & THE ANIMAL BAND**
- 26 Borough Council 7:30 PM

# RUMSON BOROUGH BULLETIN

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